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Articles of Association

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Daughters
of the Confederacy

State of Missouri

STATE OF MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, **Alexander A. Lesueur**, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the annexed pages contain a full, true and complete copy of the articles of association or agreement, in writing, of the **DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY OF MISSOURI**, with the several certificates thereon, filed **September 1st, 1897**, as the same appears on file, as the law directs, in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri. Done at office, in the City of Jefferson, this 1st day of September, A. D. 1897.

A. A. LESUEUR,
Secretary of State.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a benevolent organization under the provisions of Article 10 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889; and we adopt the following:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of the corporation shall be the "Daughters of the Confederacy of Missouri;" and its corporate existence and powers shall continue, forever, and it shall have succession.

ARTICLE II.—LOCATION.

The chief office of the association shall be in St. Louis, Missouri.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association are: To obtain, erect and maintain a monument to the memory of the Missouri Confederate soldiers, designed to be everlasting and to be as magnificent as the means at the command of the corporation can produce, ~~to be located in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. And after this monument shall have been duly erected, and with appropriate ceremonies, dedicated to the memories of those whose memories it is designed to perpetuate, the Board of Directors may, if they see fit, donate the same to the said City, provided the City assume, in a satisfactory form, the duty and obligation of maintaining the same.~~ *to be located*

~~Also to assist in building a monument in the Confederate Cemetery, near Springfield, Missouri.~~

Also to give assistance to any worthy distressed Confederate soldier, or his family.

Also the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Southern Confederacy.

The first work of the Association shall be to complete the monument in Springfield, Missouri, at a cost of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00.)

Also we accept the Confederate Cemetery at Higginsville, Missouri, and assume the care and maintenance of same in a proper manner.

ARTICLE IV.—POWERS.

This corporation shall have power and authority to acquire, hold and use, for the purposes of its organization any property, real or personal, that may be donated to it, or that it may acquire by gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and may sell and convey the same and receive subscriptions and donations in money, etc.

ARTICLE V.—SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY.

This Corporation may also have the authority to receive, and hold in trust, the title to the property, known as the Confederate Cemetery, near Springfield, Missouri, but if the title to that property should be transferred to this Corporation, the same shall never be sold, but be forever held in sacred trust for the purpose of a Cemetery for those who were Confederate soldiers.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The membership of this Corporation shall be composed only of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, of those who were in the service of the Confederate States, and their female descendants, and those women, and their female descendants, who were in sympathy with the Confederate States. *Cause*

Section 2. Every member of this Corporation shall be eligible to any office in it, and all members shall have equal rights as such.

Section 3. Each local Chapter may receive men to Honorary Membership, upon such terms as it may see fit.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS, STATE ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. The State Daughters of the Confederacy shall meet once a year at St. Louis, at such times as the By-laws may name, and until another day is so named such meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday in October, of each year.

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Section 2. The State Organization shall also meet at such other times and places as the President and Board of Directors may call, or as the By-laws may prescribe.

Section 3. All members of this Corporation are members of the State Organization and entitled to participate in all its deliberations.

Section 4. At all meetings of the State Organization each ~~member~~ shall be entitled to one vote, and each Local Chapter present, by its accredited representative, or representatives, shall be entitled to one vote for every ten of its members whose dues, up-to-date, have been paid, or transmitted to the Secretary of the State Chapter.

Section 5. Each Local Chapter may, as it sees fit, select one or more of its members to represent it in the State Organization, and cast therein the vote to which it is entitled.

ARTICLE VIII.—OFFICERS, STATE ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. The Officers of the State Organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, from each Congressional District in the State, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. It will be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the State Organization and Board of Directors, when present, to see that the bonds required of the Secretary and Treasurer are properly executed with good security, and generally to be the Chief Executive of the Corporation. She shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and render a report thereof at least once a year to the Association.

Section 3. All Vice-Presidents rank equally. At any meeting of the State Organization when the President is absent, the members present will select from the Vice-Presidents, present, one to preside.

Section 4. In the absence of the President, or in case of her death, or inability from any cause to perform any duty other than that mentioned in the next preceding section,

the Board of Directors will select one of the Vice-Presidents to act in her place.

Section 5. The chief duty devolving on each Vice-President is organizing and supervising Local Chapters in the State. They are especially enjoined to use every effort to organize as many Chapters in their respective districts, and bring into them as large a membership as possible, and when organized to encourage them in such social features as will insure their popularity and the financial prosperity of the Association.

Section 6. The Secretary shall receive all moneys belonging to the Corporation, giving receipts therefor, keep a strict account thereof, and immediately on receiving it, pay it over to the Treasurer, taking her receipt therefor. She shall also see that the Secretary and Treasurer of each Local Chapter make their reports and remittances required by Sections 6 and 7, Article IX., of this Constitution.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, giving her receipt therefor; shall make such disposition for the safe-keeping thereof as the President, or Board of Directors, may order, and shall pay it out only on written orders, signed by the President, or presiding Vice-President and Secretary.

Section 8. No officers shall be paid any salary, except the Secretary, who may be paid such sums as the Board of Directors may provide.

Section 9. The Secretary and Treasurer shall each give bond and security in such amount as the Board of Directors may prescribe and approve.

Section 10. No one shall hold office for more than two years successively.

Section 11. There shall also be a Board of Directors, consisting of the President and the Vice-Presidents, seven of whom will constitute a quorum.

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall have general management of the business of the Corporation, subject to the will of the State Organization and may make By-laws

not inconsistent with this Constitution and subject to the will of the State Organization.

Section 13. The term of office is one year, and until the successor is elected and installed.

Section 14. A vacancy occurring in an office before the expiration of the term shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX.—LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Section 1. It is expected that the chief work of collecting funds and keeping up and maintaining the Organization and usefulness of this Corporation, will be done through the instrumentality of the Local Chapters.

Section 2. Each Vice-President is authorized to organize and charter Local Chapters in the State.

Section 3. There should be at least one Chapter in each County, and as many more as the Vice-President in that district may see fit to charter.

Section 4. Any six persons who possess the qualifications of membership prescribed by Section 1 of Article VI. may, with the sanction of the Vice-President of that district, form a Chapter. The application to form a Chapter shall be in writing, signed by those wishing to do so, addressed to the Vice-President of that District, and accompanied by the membership fee of \$1.00, for each member. On receiving such application, said Vice-President will at once appoint a time and place for the meeting, and when the applicants have assembled, they will proceed to organize the Chapter, by selecting its officers for the ensuing year, selecting a name for the Chapter and any other work of organization that the members may desire. The Vice-President will then notify the Secretary of the State Organization by mail, of the organization, giving the name of the Chapter and the names of the officers, and remit at the same time the fees for membership collected. Thereupon the Secretary of the State Organization will give to the Chapter so organized a number, and the Chapter will thereafter be known by the name it has chosen for itself, and

by the number given it by the Secretary of the State Organization. The Chapters shall be numbered in the order in which they are organized.

Section 5. The officers of a Chapter shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall each perform the duties usually incident to her office, and such other duties as may be lawfully required of her.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of her Chapter, and shall collect from each member who joins the Chapter, at the time of joining, the membership fee of \$1.00, and shall also collect from each member \$1.00 a year for dues. The fee of \$1.00 paid by the member at the time of joining covers both her initiation fee and her dues up to the first day of January thereafter, and the annual dues of one dollar begin from that date. The Secretary on or before the first day of July of each year shall report to the Secretary of the State Organization the number of members of her Chapter, and the amount of money collected by her for membership and dues from any other source. Whenever the Secretary shall collect any money, she shall immediately pay it over to the Treasurer of her Chapter, taking her receipt for the same.

Section 7. The Treasurer of a Chapter shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, which the latter collects from the members, or from any other source, and shall render an account thereof to her Chapter, at least once a year, and oftener if the chapter, so require, and she shall on the first day of January and the first day July in each year, transmit to the Secretary of the State Organization all moneys received by her, up to those dates respectively; provided, however, each Chapter may, if it sees fit, retain, to expend for the charitable purposes mentioned in Article III., ten per cent of all moneys collected by it other than for membership dues.

Section 8. The President of the Chapter shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it will be to examine the books and accounts and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer and render a report thereof at least once a year to the Chapter.

Section 9. Each Chapter may adopt such regulations as it sees fit, for the social features of the organization, and to raise money for the purposes set forth in Article III.

Section 10. Each Chapter may make By-Laws for itself, not inconsistent with this Constitution or the By-Laws or orders of the State Organization.

ARTICLE X.—MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Section 1. Every member of a Chapter is a member of the State Organization and entitled to all the rights and privileges as such.

Section 2. Each Chapter may make its own regulations as to admitting members, provided none shall be admitted who do not possess the qualifications prescribed in Article VI., Section 1.

Section 3. No one shall become a member until she shall have paid the membership fee of \$1.00, or until it shall have been paid for her, and when the membership fee is so paid, it will cover all dues up to January first, thereafter.

Section 4. No one shall exercise the privileges of a member, either of a Chapter, or of the State Organization, while her dues for the time being remain unpaid.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast at a regular meeting of the State Organization, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been offered at the next preceding meeting, or written notice thereof be sent to the Secretary of all Local Chapters at least sixty days before the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

And we do hereby appoint Mrs. Louis Houck to be President, Mrs. J. S. Bowen to be Secretary, Mrs. R. W. Parcels to be Treasurer of this Association, for the first year, and until the first meeting of the State Organization after the charter for the Corporation is obtained, and we authorize them to take all proper steps to obtain a charter from the State of Missouri.